

**CLARK COUNTY
CLEAN WATER COMMISSION**

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

6:00 – 8:30 PM

Clark County Public Works Department

Conference Room

4700 NE 78th Street

Vancouver, WA

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Robbie Agard, Anne Jackson, Mary Martin, Bill Owen, Susan Rasmussen, Judy Schramm, Don Stienke and Art Stubbs

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Absent

Virginia vanBreeman

Clark County Public Works Staff

Kelli Frost, Sam Giese, Earl Rowell, and Cindy Stienbarger

Audience

William Mott

Call to Order

Introduction

The members of the Clark County Clean Water Commission, audience, and Clark County staff were introduced. The meeting was then called to order.

Agenda and material review

The material for the meeting include:

1. 6/4/03 Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting agenda
2. 5/7/03 Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting notes
3. Handout regarding Community Development information available via website
4. The Giant Stonefly – Spring 2003 Newsletter of the Student Watershed Research Project
5. Letter from SWRP to Rod Swanson dated May 19, 2003
6. 11th Annual Student Watershed Summit May 16, 2003 Summary of Evaluation Comments
7. Fax sent from Green Mountain Resort dated June 3 regarding Appeal of charges
 - Clark County Board of Commissioners and Clean Water Commission Luncheon June 17, 2003
 - Candidate Stormwater Capital Projects and Expenditures
 - CWC Education Update – June 2003

5/7/03 meeting notes

The 5/7/03 Clean Water Commission meeting notes were approved as written.

Communications with the public, media, and/or agencies

- Water Resources is continuing to work with Community Development Department in regards to erosion control developments.
- The BOCC/CWC luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17 from 12:30 – 1:30 in the Public Service Center room 679. If you have any questions about this event please call Mr. Rowell at 360-397-6118 ext. 4580 Ms.

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Rasmussen signed the 2002 Clean Water Commission Annual Report that will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners at the luncheon.

- Water Resources staff has worked with the Student Watershed Research Project (SWRP) at Saturday Academy's 11th Annual Watershed Summit on May 16, 2003.

Ms Rasmussen asked if any of the Clean Water Commissioners attended the SWRP Watershed Summit. None of the Clean Water Commissioners were able to attend; however Mr. Stubbs and Mr. Agard have attended similar events at the Water Resources center.

Public Comments

Mr. Mott, Design and Development Manager for Coastal Management Group, Inc, addressed Clean Water Commission members and asked them to consider Green Mountain Golf Course for an incentive program on their Clean Water Fee bill because of the following reasons:

1. Stormwater runoff is controlled and treated onsite with bio-filtration swales and level spreader sheet flow structures. Most storm runoff is detained by a pond system with a capacity of over 25 Acre/ft of water.
2. Green Mountain Golf Course property includes a native wet prairie, which encompasses 74 acres, that has been set-aside as a conservation area.
3. Green Mountain Golf Course has provided a site for a water testing station along Lacamas creek at Goodwin Road, which is operated by Clark County to monitor water quality in Lacamas creek.

Ms. Martin asked Mr. Mott how big their parking lot is and if he knew about how many cars traveled in and out per day.

Mr. Mott replied that there are about 300 parking spots that drain into a bio-swale. In warmer and drier weather there is a higher volume of automobiles traveling in and out of the golf course than in wetter and colder weather.

Mr. Agard asked Mr. Mott what he was requesting from the Clean Water Commission, a reduction in their Clean Water Fee or an incentive?

Mr. Mott replied that because they take care of the land, the property, and stormwater on site and because he thinks they are a benefit to the public, he would like Green Mountain Golf Course to receive a reduction in their Clean Water Fee.

Mr. Owen asked if Green Mountain Golf Course was going above and beyond what Clark County requires in regards to maintaining runoff

Mr. Mott replied that he believes that it is above and beyond what the Clark County requires.

Mr. Rowell explained that the Clean Water Commissioners have worked over the past year to develop an incentive program that is both fair and equitable. One incentive was developed that could give commercial and industrial businesses up to a 75% reduction in their fee if they met certain criteria. However, the Board of County Commissioners did not approve the proposed incentive.

Motion 2003-0604-03: Mr. Owen moves to have Water Resources staff dig up the rationale for the Board Of County Commissioners rejecting the proposed incentive and for the Clean Water Commissioners to look at it and move forward to come up with a workable incentive.

Motion passed by all present Clean Water Commissioners.

Mr. Agard announced that Green Mountain Golf Course should be nominated for a Sammy award based on the good works that they do in water quality.

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Capital Improvement Subcommittee Update

Mr. Giese reviewed with Clean Water Commissioners Candidate Stormwater Capital Projects and Expenditures. These are projects that were ranked by Capital Improvement subcommittee members.

Ms. Schramm who is a member of the CIP subcommittee added that all of the projects that they felt were a priority made the list. The CIP subcommittee members were comfortable with the ranking list they developed.

Mr. Owen another member of the CIP Subcommittee pointed out that the majority of the projects is located in the Salmon Creek Area.

Motion 2003- 0604-04: Ms. Martin Moves to recommend funding the first nine capital improvement projects.
Motion moved by all commissioners.

Mr. Agard requested information regarding why and how the first nine capital improvement projects were selected.

Mr. Giese replied that he would send the Clean Water Commissioners copies of the Capital Improvement subcommittee notebook of information regarding the capital improvement projects.

Education and Outreach update

Ms. Stienbarger provided an update on the education and outreach program and referred to the handout she provided the Clean Water Commissioners.

Ms. Martin commented that one of the Clean Water Commissioners main thrusts has been education. It has been a slow process but I feel that we are finally seeing the positive impacts of the education efforts.

Mr. Agard stated that in talking with people out in the rural areas about the mud and manure program it gives him an idea that education is paying off.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on July 2, at 6:30 p.m., at Amboy Grange, 40107 NE 221st Avenue
Amboy, WA

Adjourn

The Clean Water Commission meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Kelli Frost

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